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## Cromwell Advertisements

**DENTISTRY.**  
FOR A FEW DAYS.  
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A large and varied assortment of

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Goods delivered in all parts of the district.

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Wines and Spirits of the best description.

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Mixed Fancy Biscuits made to order from 10d  
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Wines and Spirits of the best description.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling, and Loose Boxes.

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Every accommodation for Travellers.

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A large stock of Groceries and Household Re-  
quisites of all descriptions on hand.

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COAL WORKS," Bannockburn Ferry, the resi-  
dents of Cromwell and district, can be supplied  
with COAL, the most resinous, ignitable, dur-  
able, and heat-producing of any as yet dis-  
covered in the province. It burns eagerly without  
the aid of wood, and prices are guaranteed  
reasonable. Orders gratefully received, and  
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Foot passengers. Children attending School  
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Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

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Wines, Spirits, and malt liquors of the best  
quality.

Ginger Beer and Cordial Manufactures.

District Post Office

A branch lodge of the M.U.I.O.F. was opened at Queenstown on the 23rd ult. About 20 members were initiated. A banquet to celebrate the opening of the Lodge was held at Bro. Richard's hotel on the following evening.

The next Criminal Sittings of the Supreme Court will be held at Dunedin on Wednesday, the 1st December. The Civil Sittings will commence on Monday the 13th.

On and after the 1st January, 1870, the stamp duties now payable upon bills of exchange, drafts, orders and promissory notes, will be denoted by an impressed stamp only, and not by an adhesive stamp.

The Provincial Government, in conjunction with the Education Board, have resolved to offer three Provincial Scholarships for competition in the month of December or January next. Two scholarships will be open to pupils of District Schools, and one to the junior pupils of the High School.

Our contemporary, the *Evening Star*, chronicles the death of a miser named Mary Nicholson, at the Dunedin Hospital, on the 2nd inst. She was admitted to the hospital on Monday, suffering from disease of the chest. For many years, and until the last twelve months, she had lived in a hut at the head of MacLaggan-street, and her conduct and appearance betokened extreme poverty. Her condition did not escape the notice of her neighbours, who sometimes relieved her wants, and for the last ten or eleven months she was permitted by Mr Brown, of Brown, Ewing, and Co., to occupy an out-house on his property in High-street. When admitted to the hospital, a few pounds were found on her person; and this circumstance led to a search being instituted at the place she occupied, when, in the pocket of an old dress belonging to her, there was found £114 in gold, and £12 0s 6d in silver. The gold, in a lump sum, was wrapped in a greasy bit of cloth, and the silver tied up in packages of £1 each. The deceased was about fifty years of age, and has resided in Dunedin for the last nineteen years. We believe that some six years ago, the police, having been informed that she had a large sum of money in her possession, searched the hut she was then living in, and found £400 or £500 in gold, silver, and copper. This money was returned to her, but she was afterwards robbed of it.

At Balclutha, on the 2nd inst., Dr. Smith held an inquest on the body of a man named John Baird, who died very suddenly while crossing the Balclutha Bridge, on the 30th inst. The medical evidence attributed death to congestive apoplexy, brought on by excessive drinking. The same day, intelligence was received by the police that the body of a man with a throat cut, was lying in a gully about a mile south of the township. Sergeant Cobden at once proceeded to the spot, and brought the body to the police station. At the inquest, Sergeant Cobden stated that he examined the deceased's swag, and found a billy and pannikin attached. On the billy the words, "brought to death by Roman Catholic blood hounds," were scratched; and again, "I inform that Mrs. Clark and man Harry not clear." The same words were also written on the lid of the billy. He had every reason to believe there had been no real play from the position of the body, the clothes being undisturbed, and also from the fact of his having £4 10s in his possession.

At a little after ten o'clock last evening, says the *Dunedin Evening Star*, a fire broke out in a house off Dowling-street, occupied by a man named Scott. The cottage and its contents were totally consumed, and it was with some difficulty that the fire was prevented from taking a hold of the adjacent cottage, occupied by Mrs. Henry. The furniture belonging to the latter was saved. It is not known how the fire originated. Mrs. Scott and her children were in the house at the time, but she was not in a condition to know how it had occurred. The statement is that it was occasioned by the upsetting of a lamp. It was with difficulty that she and her children could be got out with safety, and for a long time it was believed that some of them had perished. Scott lost everything he was possessed of, and a subscription in his aid has been started. The Fire Brigade, who were soon in attendance, were enabled to get a good supply of water from the Company's mains at the corner of Moray-place and Stuart-street, but not in time to be of service in saving the building.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

### A GOLD RECEIVER AT CROMWELL.

To the Editor of the *Cromwell Argus*.

Sir—As the prosperity of the Cromwell district is now undoubtedly on the increase, and the population is daily receiving accessions to its numbers of both miners and business people, I think it is high time that the long-felt want of a Gold Receiver, or sub-Warden should be supplied. The present state of things should certainly not be tolerated much longer, and I think that now is the proper time to agitate the question, as there would be every probability, in the event of the subject being taken earnestly in hand by the miners and business people, of our wishes being attended to.

I trust, Sir, that you will see the advisability of picking up your pen and assisting us in this matter.—I am, &c.

A MINER.

## A VISIT TO BENDIGO GULLY.

BY AN OLD REEFER.

Having just returned from a visit of inspection to the workings at Bendigo Gully, I have thought that, as so much interest is now attached to that quarter, I might inform your readers of the result of my observations. Starting from Alexandra, and passing through Clyde, I arrived at Cromwell; and as this is the headquarters of the principal owners of some of the claims now causing the excitement, naturally the conversation turns in that direction, as wherever you go quartz specimens are shown, and prices quoted as to the value of such and such an interest; but as those who are now in possession of these good things are not in the least way disposed to sell, there is very little traffic in shares going on. Leaving this township, which I may here remark is now fast becoming one of the most important of the Gold-field towns, I proceeded, in company with several other intending visitors, until we reached a hotel known as Perriam's, where we found some other ten or twelve horsemen, all bound in the same direction, and as the whole of the company had travelled some distance, we determined to feed ourselves and horses. Owing to the traffic that has so recently sprung up, great alterations were then going on in the establishment, and some old Victorians with myself could not help remarking the similarity between present appearances and those we had gone through in past early times, as nothing could be more substantial than the present place before us. After another gallop of about seven miles we arrived at the punt crossing the Clutha, where the horses were taken across three or four at a time. The river here is very wide, and scarcely of sufficient depth to allow the working of a punt in all seasons of the year. The proprietor has erected good stabling, also a small public house, where he is at present doing a good stroke of business, as he is only a distance of two miles from the crushing machine belonging to Goodger and party, and some four miles from the reefs. After refreshing the inner man, we visited on our way the above party's machine. The company have five stampers, which are worked by water power, constantly going, and on the road we met additional material for the erection of other five. Everything connected with this company's plant has a very substantial appearance, and, with the present battery, they get through some sixty tons a week. The company have had to cut, at a very large outlay, a road from the reef to their machinery, which is situated on a flat at the foot of the range crossing the alluvial workings in Bendigo Gully, which, although seven years in existence, is not yet exhausted, as a leach has been struck at nearly eighty feet in depth, and the five fortunate Chirameen, owners of the claim, have within the past few weeks netted some £270 a man, the whole of which has been taken out of a very small space in their claim. Others are also sinking; and one party have just bottomed their shaft with similar prospects. But as our intention was to return the same afternoon, we did not pay that attention to this gully we could have wished, but proceeded by a cut dry-road to the claim known as the Aurora Co.'s. This party consists of seven shareholders, and from a careful inspection of their reef, I believe when crushing has commenced the result will rather astonish the "Browns." They are erecting very substantial machinery, having a battery of eight stamps worked by an over-shot water-wheel. The company being in possession of very valuable water privileges (the same party having formerly constructed a race for the purpose of working the alluvial spurs in the neighbourhood about three years previous, they will be enabled to work their claim in a very economical manner. The machinery is placed so close to the claim that a tunnel commenced some few feet from the machinery strikes the reef at a distance of 80ft., giving them 100ft. of stone to rise upon. As the reef is cropping out at the surface, and the golden stone visible all through, a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 70ft. to test its permanency, previous to the purchase of machinery. I have no doubt that, from the gold being so well distributed through the heart of the stone and the casing being thoroughly impregnated with the precious metal, the result will not be less than from six to eight ounces of gold to the ton; and as the company will be starting their machinery in about six weeks, if my average prove correct, a great impetus will be given to prospecting in this direction, as I fully believe this golden belt of country will prove to extend to the head of Devonshire, Tinkers, Drybread, and other gullies, whose riches have been supplied from this source. From the appearance of the gold found in these places, there is no doubt that the supply has come from the gold-bearing rock in their neighbourhood.

The last sensation up to this date has been the successful striking of a reef in continuation of Goodger & Co.'s, and situate some quarter of a mile from the Aurora, running in a parallel direction, the stone of which surpasses everything yet discovered in this part of the country. The lucky shareholders—Messrs Gillies, Hughes, Charnock, Ryan, Hawthorne, and Atfield—have great expectations. The stone has been tried nearly the whole length of their claim (600ft.), and in every instance where prospected very rich specimens have been extracted. Numerous visitors from Clyde, Cromwell, and other places, have come down from this with small mantel-piece ornaments, in the shape of golden specimens, most of which have come from this recent discovery. Being acquainted with the shareholders, I selected a small piece of stone weighing four ounces, and on my return pounded the same, when it yielded two and a half grains, or a total result of 46oz. 13dwt. to the ton. I was informed that Goodger and Co. had proffered a trial crushing, and when this takes place there is no doubt that the result will surpass any previous crushing in Otago. One of the original shareholders in the claim, named Hughes, after working only eight days, was offered the sum of £250 for a working share, being one-sixth, which he immediately accepted. Mr Brian El-

den of Goodger's party was the purchaser. Whether Hughes acted wisely in selling his interest for such a sum, time will tell. Since this, Mr Hughes has purchased from Mr Halliday, of Alexandra, one-sixth share in his dredging machine and claim situated on the Molyneux, for £130 cash; and although very tempting offers have been made to the other shareholders in the claim, none of them have felt disposed to accept. I may mention that a *bona fide* offer of £600 has since been refused for a share. Great credit is due to Mr Gillies, the working shareholder, who so successfully prospecting this continuation of Goodger's reef, as, from the broken surface of this part of the country, there is a great difficulty in tracing the lode. During my stay I visited several claims just marked out, whose owners appeared very sanguine of success. The ground was taken up some two miles along the supposed line, and everything had a very busy appearance. Not having a sufficient amount of time for inspection, I very reluctantly had to defer my visit to Goodger and Co.'s claim, as well as several others in that immediate vicinity, but as I intend shortly to take another trip to this interesting locality, possibly I may communicate the further results of my observations.

## ALEXANDRA WATER SUPPLY.

### PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Alexandra, on Monday evening, to consider the best means for bringing a supply of water into the township.

The Mayor (Mr Finlay) occupied the chair. He spoke of the necessity for having a supply of water, not only for domestic purposes, but sufficient to meet any emergency that might arise in case of fire breaking out in the town. He thought that any practicable scheme within the means of the municipality should receive the sympathy and support of the public. The Town Council had not been negligent in the matter, and had taken the initiative. He then called upon the Town Clerk to read to the meeting the proposal the Town Council had to make, and he would be glad to hear the opinion of the meeting with regard to it.

The Town Clerk then read an estimate which had been drawn up of the cost of a water scheme, sufficient, as the Council imagined, to supply every want. Two water-race companies had been asked to name a sum for the supply of water for fourteen years. One quoted £5 and the other (the Manukoria Ground Sluicing Company) £2 a week. The estimates were then framed upon the lowest quotation; and it appeared by the statement read, that an extra 1s 6d in the £ would meet every requirement.

In reply to a question put by Mr SAMSON, it appeared that the quantity of water at the service of the corporation, would be ten inches, and that the Council had not in any way bound themselves, but simply submitted their plan to the public for reception, rejection, or improvement; and were quite prepared to carry out whatever plan might be acceptable to the inhabitants.

Mr CHAPPEL had heard that the water from the source the Council proposed to take it would not be suitable for domestic purposes.

Mr THIEVERS described a process by which the water could be filtered, and made, he thought, suitable for domestic purposes.

It was suggested by Mr STANBROOK, that before going on with such a scheme, the water should be tested to the satisfaction of the people.

Mr THIEVERS said that could be done by erecting the filter before the pipes were laid down.

Mr CHAPPEL thought Mr Stanbrook's suggestion was quite pertinent to the subject; and that it was highly requisite, if any scheme be gone into, that water be brought into the town clean.

Mr CAMERON suggested sinking a shaft, and erecting a whim. By this means he thought an abundant supply of water could be obtained.

Mr RIVERS thought if the Corporation were to purchase certain races that were in the market, they might not only have a sufficient supply of water for the town, but one of the races could be let. He thought they could be had for £300, at the most.

The Mayor stated that these races were not for sale.

Mr CHAPPEL thought that if the Council were satisfied that clean water could be brought from the proposed Company's race, by all means let it be brought in, as it was the cheapest.

It appeared that since some parties had commenced mining at Young Hill Creek, the Manukoria Gold Sluicing Company's race had been much disturbed, and it was doubtful if filtering would clean it sufficiently.

Mr McKESSIE proposed—"That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the levels, and ascertain at about what cost the water could be raised from the Molyneux." He believed that a water-wheel and pump could be erected to raise the water 40ft. for the sum of £60.

Mr RATCLIFFE seconded the above motion, which was carried.

Mr SAMSON then proposed the following resolution, which was also seconded and carried—"This meeting is of opinion that it is desirable that a supply of water should be brought into the town, and that a committee be appointed to find out the best means to be adopted to further the object in view."

Mr RATCLIFFE moved that the committee consist of the members of the Town Council.

Mr HILLHOUSE thought that some of the outside public should take part in the committee, and he would move as an amendment that the committee consist of the Town Council, and Messrs Samson, Rivers, McKessie, and Ratcliffe.—Carried.

It was then agreed that a public meeting should be called that day four weeks, to report progress.

A vote of thanks to the chairman finished the proceedings.

A notice has been issued in Russia deprecating that parents who are convicted of compelling their children to marry shall be sent to prison.

## PEDESTRIANISM IN CROMWELL.

A foot race, 150 yards, over three flights of hurdles, for £20 a side, came off on the 1st November, between F. Fairley and Harry Hodgson. The men agreed to start by report of pistol. When stripped, both men looked in splendid condition. On the pistol being fired, Hodgson bounded off, and ran the course, Fairley never leaving the scratch. Of course, there were different opinions as to whether it was a start or not. Fairley's backers agreed to put in £3, and run again, to start this time by mutual consent. Fairley, who did not seem to understand this arrangement, crossed the scratch about a yard and stood. Hodgson took advantage of this, and was off like a shot, leaving Fairley standing at the scratch. This settled the match, Hodgson having run round the course, and thus won.

A match was then made for the same men to run 100 yards on the flat, for £10 a side, starting by the drop of a flag. They got away beautifully together; but when they had got about 30 yards Fairley slipped, thereby losing nearly two yards. At about 70 yards, Fairley was close on his man, and a tremendous race then ensued, Hodgson winning by about six inches.

The afternoon was afterwards spent in making matches, and running them off on the bridge, everyone apparently enjoying himself to the utmost. The first was between Ashworth, with ten yards start, and Hodgson, and was won by the former. In the second race the competitors were Fairley and Barry, distance 100 yards, the latter getting fifteen yards start. This was a splendid race, Fairley winning by about a yard. The third race, same distance, was between Dawkins and Duggs. Dawkins had two yards start, and won a good race by a foot. In the fourth race, the same distance, Ashworth and Loughman were the competitors. This was a beautiful race, Loughman leading up to 70 yards, when Ashworth caught him, and won by about a foot. A good deal of money changed hands upon the first race.

A billiard match was played between Messrs Ashworth and Hodgson at the conclusion of the sports. The game was a hundred up, Ashworth winning easily by about 50 points.

## THE ESCORT.

The following are the quantities of gold taken down to Dunedin by the last fortnightly Escort. Mount Ida, it will be perceived, heads the list with 1296ozs. 17dwt., Tuapeka and Cromwell coming next, with 900ozs. 5dwt. and 762ozs. respectively.

	ozs.	dwt.	grs.
Mount Ida	1296	17	5
Tuapeka	900	5	0
Cromwell	762	0	0
Toriot	698	7	0
Switzers	600	0	0
St. Bathans	581	14	0
Waipori	514	18	0
Blacks	454	0	0
Dunstan	404	0	0
Alexandra	250	0	0
Waitahuna	213	8	0
Woolshed	79	10	0
Total	6534	19	0

## An Important Discovery.

According to the *Nottingham Journal* a very great improvement in the steam engine, amounting to a substantial discovery and invention, has just been patented by Mr Warsop of that city. The improvement consists in forcing heated air into the boiler now in use—the air and steam together passing from the boiler to the engine. The inventor has a separate apparatus for pumping and drawing the cold air through a coil of pipes, and so heating it before it enters the boiler; but the cold air may be taken directly into the boiler, and be made to take up its heat entirely from the water in it. The advantages offered by this invention are stated to be threefold. First and foremost, a saving of more than 40 per cent. in fuel; secondly, an increased amount of motive power compared with the ordinary steam-engine; and thirdly, a diminished supply of water for the boilers. A further advantage is also said to deserve attention, viz., "that the action of the air on the water is very beneficial, keeping it in a constant perturbation, thus tending to prevent slating." The same journal states that experiments have been made in Nottingham; and the results, as worked out by Mr Amos, the chief engineer of the Royal Agricultural Society, and other practical engineers, verify the above statement of advantages. If these results should be confirmed by future trials, the importance of the invention will soon be felt—not the smallest advantage being, as the *Nottingham Journal* points out, the increased length of the voyage it will enable steamers to make without re-coaling.

From the *Timaru Herald* we learn that an accident of a very distressing nature occurred lately, whereby a child, fifteen months old, of Mr Hugh Sutherland, a farmer residing near Pleasant Point, lost his life. The mother of the child, it appears, had been scalding out a churn, and had emptied the water into an ordinary sized American tub, which she left on the floor while she had occasion to go outside for a moment. When she returned she found that the child had fallen into the tub in a sitting posture, and was severely scalded from above the knees to the chest. The child had been playing with an old skirt of a dress, which it had been dragging about the floor, and in walking backwards had evidently fallen into the tub. It suffered greatly through the night and died the following day.

## Ventilation in Churches and Chapels.

The Rev. M. Taylor, the celebrated Wesleyan Revivalist best known throughout the Australian colonies as "Californian Taylor," in a work entitled "Christian Adventure in South Africa," speaks his mind freely on this important but much neglected matter, notwithstanding all the scientific knowledge which the present age is supposed to have attained. Mr Taylor being at Graham's Town, and finding the leading brethren expressing their disappointment at the result of his labours, he assured them that as soon as they were ready for an advanced moment, the Holy Ghost would certainly lead them on to victory; and concluded by reminding them that there was at least one serious physical difficulty in the way—"Your beautiful church," he said, "is not sufficiently ventilated for a large audience, by one half. The immense amount of carbonic acid gas thrown out from the lungs of fourteen hundred persons, and the porous discharge of fetid matter from their bodies, must on each occasion poison the atmosphere in the church in a very short time. This poison being inhaled, corrupts the blood, blunts the nervous sensibilities of the people, and hence produces vigorous mental action, produces headache and drowsiness, and sadly injures their health; and when it comes to that, the best thing is to quit, and go home as quickly as possible. We can't afford to spend our precious evenings there in poisoning each other, for that is the very stuff that killed the British soldiers in the 'black-hole of Calcutta.' It is out of the question to have a great work of salvation without a good supply of oxygen."

## A Widow in the Pulpit.

New York has had a new sensation in the pulpit—the appearance of a woman who has been licensed to preach as a local preacher. The *World* says—The widow, Maggie Van Cott, the celebrated female Methodist preacher, fully licensed and commissioned by the evangelical powers that be, has at last made her appearance in the metropolitan field. Last night, the widow, blooming and blushing as a newly-made bride, mounted the pulpit of the Duane-street Methodist Church, which, by a theological anachronism, is situated in Hudson, near Spring-street. The widow looked her very, very best. Her hair was fixed and frizzled in the most becoming fashion. Her face glowed with a modest but conscious splendour as she stood before the congregation in her rich, but tasteful, black dress of bombazine. She wore a neat black jet ornament at her throat, and a handsome gold chain peeped from the black belt around her waist. Her large blue eyes were filled with a holy light, and her massive and finely-formed head was lifted as she read the Gospel of Matthew with self-satisfaction and oratorical effect. Every word that she uttered was delivered with unction and telling force. There is considerable power and attraction in the manner in which the widow lifts her smooth white hand and nicely-rounded fingers to the ceiling, and then brings them down with energy on the wooden shelf of the pulpit. When warned to her subject, her face seems lighted up and full of stirring animation. Her face in happy moments contracts and expands, and her handsomely-shaped body sways to and fro with the excitement. Her elocution is natural and florid, and her sentences are uttered in a bass tone of voice. Her illustrations of the Scriptures were remarkable for their force, and sharply to the point in discussion. The widow is about twenty-six years of age, and bears her age well.

## Valuable Scientific Discovery.

The following extract is worthy the attention of our readers, and we may inform them that we have seen this new and remarkably simple automatic pump at work in Dunedin. One has been ordered already for this place, for raising water for domestic uses, but if it can be applied to raising water to almost any height with very little expense, and we believe it can, the invention will be of the utmost value to our machine drivers and others:—"Automatic Water Engine.—A discovery connected with the raising of water is claimed to have been made by Dr Bourdon, a physician of some reputation, at Haberville, B. a very simple piece of mechanism, he says, he can raise a continuous stream of water to almost any altitude, without labour of any kind, and without expense, beyond that necessary for the first cost of the machine, and this is by no means large. Dr Bourdon states that the power of the machine is based upon a natural and immutable mechanical principle, and that by it there might be created a continuous current of water at the surface of the soil, wherever a spring of water exists—no matter at what depth. The machine is intended to supersede all existing pumps. Dr Bourdon also states that, however paradoxical it may appear, he has found 'the greater height to which the water has to be raised, the greater is the power of the machine.'"

[A CARD.]

NOTICE.

Cromwell Post Office.

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LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,  
MELMORE-STREET,  
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**PROSPECTUS**  
OF THE  
**CROMWELL ARGUS**  
AND  
NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

**F**OR some time past it has been felt by the  
residents of the Cromwell District and its  
neighbouring Gold-fields that the progress of this  
portion of the Colony has not been commensurate  
with the extent of its natural resources. This has  
been largely attributed to the want of an organ ex-  
pressing current public opinion, and capable of mak-  
ing known the value of these Gold-fields and their  
requirements. Previous efforts, however, to estab-  
lish a local journal have failed, and the district has  
thus been compelled to rely for the expression of its  
wants upon newspapers representing other places. The  
result, from various causes, has proved en-  
tirely unsatisfactory.

Encouraged by the support tendered them,  
the undersigned have been induced to commence  
the publication of the "**CROMWELL ARGUS**," the  
first number of which appeared on the 3rd No-  
vember current.

The journal will be liberal in tone. Believing  
that party politics are a mistake in a Province  
already over-governed, its object will be to cause  
greater attention to be paid to the development  
of the resources of the inland districts, and  
especially of the important one it will specially  
represent. Free from party influences, and un-  
trammelled by obligations to any one class, it  
will pursue an independent career. It will de-  
mand, as an act of justice, better treatment of  
the country districts in the future. It has been  
too long the habit for our legislators to consider  
Dunedin as the Province, and that city's most  
capricious wants have been supplied at the ex-  
pense of such districts as this one. Until a  
change from so prejudiced a course takes place  
this journal will not cease in uttering its protest  
against a line of conduct unsound in principle  
and vicious in its action. It will also be a part  
of the mission of the "**ARGUS**" to advocate a  
reduction of the special taxation that presses so  
heavily upon the mining community. Believing  
that with reduction of taxation and the opening  
up of the lands, much of the gold (capital) lost  
to the colonies might be retained in it, as well as  
those who procure it, the paper will necessarily  
further these views, as well as the important  
and co-relative one of the establishment of native  
industries.

A journal of the kind we propose to supply  
requires an extensive circulation and to be sup-  
ported in its advertising department. As we  
step in to meet the wishes of the community, we  
expect on their part they will perform their por-  
tion of the contract, and thus beget a connection  
that will be mutually advantageous. Our terms  
for advertisements will be moderate, so that we  
shall offer in this respect no obstacle to the im-  
plied bargain made with us by the public. The  
subscription will be 6s. per quarter; by post, 7s.

Our plant is extensive, and is replete with  
every requisite for executing job printing of all  
descriptions in a superior style. We have de-  
voted great care to this branch, and have lately  
added a large stock of new and elegant type to  
the jobbing plant.

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Monday, at 9 a.m.  
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Thursday and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.  
For Dunedin, via Alexandra, Teviot, and Tu-  
apeka, every Wednesday, at 9.30 p.m.

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Monday and Wednesday, at 8.30 a.m.  
From Dunedin via Tuapeka, every Wednesday,  
at 7 p.m.  
From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrow Town, Ed-  
wards', and Kawarau Gorge, every Thursday  
and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.  
From Cardrona, Albert Town, Luggat, and  
Rocky Point, every Thursday, at 3 p.m.  
From Nevis and Bannockburn, every Wednesday,  
at noon.

**TELEGRAPH NOTICE.**  
The Telegraph Office is open to the public on  
week days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun-  
days from 10 to 10.30 a.m., and from 5 to 5.30  
p.m., New Zealand mean time.

**JOHN REEKIE, Postmaster.****OUR EXCHANGE FILES.**

**PROPRIETORS** of Newspapers which  
have hitherto been on the **TUAPEKA**  
**PRESS** exchange list, are respectfully requested  
to forward copies of their journals as usual, ad-  
dressed to the Editor of the **CROMWELL**  
**ARGUS**, Cromwell, Otago, which Journal will in  
future be punctually forwarded to them.

**MATTHEWS & FENWICK,**  
Proprietors.**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**

**W**E have to inform our readers that in  
order to remove our plant from Lawrence  
to Cromwell, we shall be unable to publish the  
**CROMWELL ARGUS** next week. Our readers  
will kindly bear in mind that we had not intended  
to publish at all, until the first week in December,  
and that the issues of the **CROMWELL ARGUS**,  
of which this is the second, were determined on in  
consequence of the disgraceful trick which was  
played upon us, and which was fully explained in  
our first leading article. We depend implicitly  
upon the kind consideration of the public under the  
extraordinary circumstances to which, through no  
fault of our own, we have been subjected.

**MATTHEWS & FENWICK.**

**The Cromwell Argus**  
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1869.

**Ubi ille ipse.**—How true this is, and  
how necessary it is that in these times we  
should remember the fact! There is abun-  
dant proof of the existence of the **honey**,  
and we must bestir ourselves to attract the  
bees. The recent discoveries of richly  
mineralized quartz reefs hereabouts is a stir-  
ring and important event in the history of  
this Province; and it will be the fault of  
the people if it is not immediately turned  
to advantage. Our contemporary, the  
**Otago Daily Times**, in his issue of the 6th  
inst., has taken a most common-sense view  
of the matter—a view which will, we trust,  
commend itself to our readers, to the public  
at large, and more particularly to those  
men of capital to whom it more directly  
refers. Our contemporary states the truth  
when he says that "The business men of  
Dunedin appear to us to have been sim-  
ply wanting in discrimination in the  
indifference they have shown to all pro-  
jects for the development of the gold-  
fields. They have, as it would seem,  
failed to see how much their own busi-  
ness and success is dependent upon that  
of the mining population of the Province.  
They have complained of dull times, but  
they have folded their hands, and their  
usual response to an invitation to assist  
in developing the resources of the Pro-  
vince has been a shrug of the shoulders."  
This is an admirable quality in busi-  
ness men, but it is a quality too often  
found in this case. It has assuredly been  
a quality beyond proper limits. This very  
truth, so well expressed by our contem-  
porary, has often struck our mind with great  
force. We have heard men, possessed of  
capital and brains, talking and grumbling  
loudly about stagnation in trade; about  
there being no outlet for capital—no in-  
vestment; about the resources of the  
country being undeveloped; and so on—never  
thinking (strange as it may appear) that  
their own dilatoriness—their own want of  
pluck—their own short-sighted caution—is  
more than one-half of the cause of the  
stagnation in trade, and the want of sources  
for investment, of which they so loudly  
complain. We urge this fact: that the  
majority of the monied men in this Pro-  
vince, at all events, are men wanting  
energy of character; and in many cases  
this is attributable to their utter igno-  
rance. Ignorant men have come to  
the Colony, and by thrift, good-fortune,  
or some other means, have almost sud-  
denly become the possessors of wealth—  
that is to say, of sums of money which  
they never dreamed a few years ago of  
being masters of. Having got it, they fear  
to lose it. Much would they like to multi-  
ply and increase it (for the majority of  
such men are misers in every sense of the

word). The language of the heart in their  
cases is—

"Fain would I climb, but that I fear to fall."  
And this fear leads them to hoard what  
they have, instead of endeavouring by in-  
vestment to increase it as well as benefit  
the community. Just this spirit—this  
nervous fear of loss—is what has for sev-  
eral years past kept Otago in its present  
depressed state. Granted that there are  
amongst our capitalists many courageous,  
plucky, manly speculators—men who take  
a liberal view of things, and who will,  
upon reasonable security, venture capital;  
but our readers, upon very small reflection,  
will recognise the truthfulness of the pic-  
ture we have drawn of the very large pro-  
portion of monied men in Otago. The  
discoveries to which we have alluded of  
highly auriferous quartz in this district can  
only be turned to substantial advantage  
by the investment of capital; and it re-  
mains to be seen whether those who have  
at their command the sinews of war have  
also the pluck, as well as the intelligence  
and common sense, to use those sinews.  
It remains very largely with them whether  
these splendid discoveries shall be turned  
immediately to account or not. Without  
capital this development is only a matter  
of time: the determined man will, by toil  
and privation, overcome the absence of cap-  
ital—he will, indeed, by his sheer hard  
work, create capital; but it is dreary work,  
and we trust that some, at all events,  
of those who have money will take without  
loss of time a reasonably liberal view of  
this matter, and place capital at disposal  
for the development of the resources of  
this district. That a considerable influx  
of population may shortly be expected is  
indisputable; we doubt not that we shall  
before long have round us a bevy of bees  
seeking the honey which has been proved  
to exist; and we mention this fact because  
we think that the Government has a duty  
to perform here, and which probably only  
requires mentioning to receive attention.  
In Cromwell some Government represen-  
tative ought to be stationed—we mean  
some official as a receiver of revenue and  
so on. Long distances have to be travelled  
in order to do business; unless, indeed,  
the delay is incurred consequent upon the  
comparatively few and far between visits  
of the Warden. That that gentleman  
comes as often as he can reasonably be ex-  
pected to, we admit—indeed, we have  
heard no complaints on that score; but  
one and all are of opinion that a receiver  
of revenue should be permanently located  
here, and we hope that the Government  
will consider the matter, and that without  
delay.

The English mail arrived in Dunedin  
on Saturday last. We give a summary of the  
news in our last page.

We learn from a reliable source that  
Mr Baird, chairman of the Board of Wardens  
for the Wakatip District, has been appointed  
Gold Receiver at Cromwell. The want of a  
Gold Receiver at Cromwell has long been felt,  
and the appointment is one which the im-  
portance of the district fully warrants.

At a meeting of the Cromwell Town  
Council, held on Wednesday evening last, an  
application from Messrs Matthews and Fenwick  
to lease the portion of section 1, block XXVII.,  
situated set apart by the Council for the purpose  
of encouraging the starters of a local newspaper,  
was received, and their application granted.

Considerable excitement was caused in  
Cromwell on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., by the ar-  
rival of Mr Colclough, of Cardrona, with a speci-  
men of quartz thickly studded with fine gold.  
Discovered in Bendigo Gully, at a distance of  
700 yards from the Aurora Co.'s claim. Expe-  
rienced reefers in Cromwell, after an inspection  
of the stone, gave it as their opinion that it would  
yield at least 60lbs to the ton. Mr Colclough  
informs us that, while on a visit to Bendigo  
Gully the preceding week, he dropped across  
some broken quartz, in which, upon examination,  
he could detect gold; and thinking he was in  
the immediate neighborhood of a reef, he at once  
set to work to get the ground prospected. The  
reef was struck on the 2nd inst., at a very short  
distance from the surface, and the specimens  
which Mr Colclough brought into Cromwell were  
broken off. It runs parallel with the Aurora  
reef, and is consequently entirely distinct from  
the latter, thus making the third line of reef  
struck in the gully. The discovery is causing  
great excitement, owing to the extraordinary  
rich nature of the stone, and the ground on each  
side of Mr Colclough's claim has been pegged off  
for a considerable distance.

Great inconvenience is felt here for the  
want of a proper official distribution of duty  
stamps, it being an impossibility to obtain any  
impressed stamp paper without sending to  
Clyde or Queenstown. We trust that the  
Municipal Council will move in this matter at  
once, and recommend that the postmaster, Mr  
Reekie, should be appointed to such office, so  
that no further difficulty will occur in procuring  
stamps and impressed paper.

We understand that it is the intention  
of the brethren of the mystic tie to establish a  
Masonic lodge, English Constitution, at Crom-  
well. From what we can hear, such a lodge will be  
a success, there being quite a number of Masons  
in the Cromwell district, and several gentlemen  
have expressed themselves desirous of becoming  
acquainted with the mysteries and privileges of  
Freemasonry.

In January of the present year there  
were 13,724 persons engaged in gold-mining in  
the colony of Queensland.

The discoverers of the reef lately found  
in Pipeclay Gully, Bannockburn, are actively  
engaged in testing the extent and quality of the  
stone. So far as they have gone, they are well  
satisfied with the general appearance of the reef.  
The reef at Smith's Gully, in the same district,  
which has been actively prospected during the  
last few weeks, also promises to turn out well.  
The subjoined notice, which is ap-  
proved of by most of the residents in this district, was  
issued by Mr Warden Pyke on the 5th inst.:

"Notice is hereby given that in the event of  
any share, or portion of a share, in any quartz  
claim held under protection certificate being  
sold, transferred, or publicly advertised for sale,  
the certificate will immediately be cancelled,  
and the holders of the claim will be compelled  
to put on the full number of men within twenty-  
four hours thereafter, failing which the claim  
will be forfeited."

Two shares (a fifth and a sixth) in the  
deep lead at Smith's Gully, Bannockburn, were  
recently sold for £50 each. The depth to which  
the sinking has been extended is 100 feet, good  
payable gold being obtained, with plenty of  
ground to work.

The annual meeting for the election of  
a committee of management for the Cromwell  
Public Library will be held in the Council Cham-  
bers, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 8 p.m.

We are informed that a great scarcity of  
water exists at the Bannockburn at present.  
This want will, however, shortly be obviated,  
the shareholders in the reef lately discovered in  
Pipeclay Gully being about to bring in a large  
race, the water in which will be available for the  
miners in the district. This will admit of a  
much larger area of ground being worked, and  
the yield of gold from the district will be ma-  
terially increased.

464 sections in the township of Frank-  
ton are advertised to be offered at auction, in  
the survey office, Queenstown, on Thursday  
11th inst., at noon, at an upset price of £2 per  
section.

The shareholders in the reef at Butcher's  
Gully, Alexandra, on Monday last placed eight  
men on for the purpose of enabling them to raise  
a few tons of stone, with the intention of having  
it crushed, and ascertaining its paying capabili-  
ties. There is a shaft down to the depth of about  
fifty feet, which was sunk by a miner a consider-  
able time ago; but owing to an accident he was  
obliged to give up working in the shaft. He has  
been lying neglected since that time, but as some  
energetic men have taken it in hand, it will soon  
be ascertained whether it can be payably worked  
or not.

Another water race, commanding the  
banks of the Molyneux near Alexandra, is being  
brought in from the Gorge Creek. Several of  
the business people of Alexandra have united  
with some working miners in this enterprise—a  
system which we think might be adopted with  
advantage to a greater extent than it at present  
is in many mining districts of the Province.

The body of a man was found in the  
Molyneux, near Welshman's Beach, Miller's  
Flat, on Friday last. The body had evidently  
been in the water for a considerable time, as it  
was in an advanced stage of decomposition.  
Information was at once conveyed to the Ser-  
geant of Police at Teviot, and an inquest was  
held before Capt. Baldwin, J.P., on Monday  
last. We have not heard the result of the in-  
quest.

A quartz-reef was struck in Conroy's  
Gully, near Alexandra, on Saturday last, gold  
being perceptible in the stone. Application  
was at once made for a prospector's claim.

By the floods which recently occurred in  
Victoria, property was destroyed at Ballarat to  
the estimated amount of £60,000. Many valu-  
able claims were inundated. Ten men were sub-  
merged in the Great Junction Claim for two  
days, but fortunately were rescued. Rain fell  
all over the colony for forty-eight hours, and all  
the country adjacent to the banks of the Yarra  
suffered.

It is notified in the Government Adver-  
tising Sheet that all unsold Lands (exclusive of  
reserves) in the townships of Cromwell, Clyde,  
Newcastle (junction of Hawea and Clinton),  
Alexandra, Pembroke (Wanaka Lake), Wake-  
field, Gladstone (Hawea Lake), will be offered  
for sale by public auction, by Mr George, at the  
Survey Office, Clyde, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.,  
at 12 o'clock noon. The injustice of selling sec-  
tions in all these townships at Clyde is evident.  
Why people should have to traverse the long  
distance between these townships and Clyde we  
really do not understand. We consider it is ex-  
ceedingly short-sighted policy on the part of the  
Government, as the prices realised will be merely  
nominal compared with what they would be if  
the sections were sold on the ground. The Gov-  
ernment will almost lead us to believe that  
they have a plethora of cash in the Treasury  
chest. It is also notified that all unsold lands  
(exclusive of reserves) in the townships of Arrow-  
town, Queenstown, Kingstown, and Glenorchy  
(head of Wakatip Lake), will be offered for  
sale by Mr Spence, at the Survey Office, Queenstown,  
on Thursday, the 25th inst., at noon.

A proclamation appears in the Gazette  
of the 3rd instant, varying and altering the  
existing Licensing Districts of Queenstown,  
Clyde, Cromwell, and St Bathans, and defining  
the boundaries of the new Licensing Districts of  
Queenstown, St Bathans, Clyde, Blacks, and  
Cromwell.

Seventy-four Maori prisoners recently  
tried and convicted of high treason at Wellington  
are to be sent to the gaol at Dunedin. The sen-  
tences passed upon them vary from three to  
seven years. We should imagine that Governor  
Caldwell will have a "crowded house" on the  
arrival of his new boarders.



## ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

LONDON, Sept. 11.

The July mails from Australia via Marseilles were delivered on the 7th September, and those via Southampton on the 13th.

The Queen left Windsor for Balmoral on the 19th August, where the Court is at present. The Queen, Princesses Louisa and Beatrice, visited the Trossachs and vicinity.

The Prince of Wales has returned from Germany and joined the Queen. They were present at the Braemar gathering on the 2nd September. The Princess of Wales remains at Wildbad for the benefit of the waters, which have improved her health.

Prince Arthur left England for Canada on the 14th August, to join the Rifle Brigade. He arrived there on the 22nd, and was received with the greatest cordiality by all classes.

The third annual wool sales will conclude on the 21st; the quantity catalogued was 137,410 bales. New Zealand wools ruled a half-penny higher than at the June sales. The general tone of the market was much firmer, and the competition was more spirited than for some time past.

The Oxford and Harvard University boat race was rowed on the 27th August, and created immense excitement. The Harvard crew won the toss for places, and took the Middlesex side. At the start they went away with the lead, which they retained until Hammersmith Bridge was reached, under which they passed half a length ahead. After leaving there, the Oxford crew gradually drew on them, and by the time they reached Chiswick Eyot, Oxford put on a magnificent spurt, and passed them. On reaching Barnes, the Oxford boat was three clear boat's lengths ahead, and finished the course in 22min. 41secs. The crowd lined both banks of the river, but the enormous course on the river was kept very clear, only two steamers containing umpires and other officials being allowed to follow. The other steamers were kept some distance in the rear. The defeat of the Harvard crew caused much disappointment in America. The American papers admit that the race was contested in a perfectly fair manner.

The Emperor Napoleon has been seriously ill. The event caused the greatest excitement. The Paris Rentes fell with alarming rapidity. The exchanges of Vienna, Frankfurt, and Paris were seriously disturbed for some days. The alarm is now subsiding. The Emperor is reported to be recovering, and it is hoped that he will visit the East at the opening of the Suez canal.

The Viceroy of Egypt has replied to the remonstrances of the Sultan in a submissive spirit. It is hoped that nothing will interfere with the grand ceremonials to take place on the opening of the Suez canal.

Cardinal Cullen has issued a pastoral letter, in which it is threatened that the Sacraments shall be withheld from parents who send their children to the National Schools. The Cardinal also ordered a thanksgiving in all the Catholic churches, to last for three days, to commemorate the dis-establishment of the Irish Church.

The Prince of Wales is identifying himself with the English Freemasons. He has been made Past Grand Master, and has announced his intention of joining several of the highest lodges.

The commissioners appointed to investigate the bribery at elections have been examining witnesses in the case of Bridge-water and Norwich. They discovered evidence of gross corruption. It is supposed that a motion will be made to disenfranchise both boroughs.

The Bishop of Winchester has resigned. He retains one-third of his income. The Bishop of Oxford has been promoted to the See of Winchester in consequence.

The Bishop of Lichfield is seriously indisposed. His illness was occasioned by the shock he sustained by the death of his brother, Lord Chief Justice Selwyn.

The Rev. Charles Kingsley, the well-known novelist, has been appointed one of the canons of Chester Cathedral.

It is reported that a mutiny has broken out among the National Guards of Madrid. A sharp contest for the Mayoralty of the City of London is expected between Sir James C. Lawrence and Mr Alderman Besley.

The great Ebor Handicap was won by Fortune; Laird second; and War third.

Retrenchment still proceeds in the dockyards. Sheerness is to be abandoned as a naval yard.

The Great Eastern sails with the East Indian cable on the 10th November.

News has been received of British subjects being detained captives in the Paraguay. They are well treated, and are in safety.

Miss Glynn, the celebrated tragedienne, is about to take a professional tour through the United States. She will proceed from California to Australia.

Two steamers, the Germania and Cleopatra, have been lost off Newfoundland in a heavy fog. The Germania lost all her specie and cargo.

The island of Juan Fernandez has been ceded to the Society of German Colonists.

News from the Cape states that Dr. Twell, Bishop of the Orange Free State, was charged with committing an indecorable offence.

John Webster, merchant, has been sent to prison for fraudulently obtaining quantities of valuable goods under pretence of sending them to New Zealand.

William Dixon, a private soldier, has been executed for shooting Corporal Brett at Aldershot.

Professor Risley, proprietor of the Japanese Troupe, has been committed for trial for attempting to commit a serious assault on a little girl whom he waylaid in the streets.

Craig, late governor of the Pentonville prison, was arrested on a charge of embezzling £690 belonging to the Government.

There is nothing moving in the political world. Almost all the Ministers are away shooting on the moors.

The British Association is holding its annual gathering at Exeter. Professor Stokes is president.

Mr Gladstone is staying at Walmer Castle. His health has derived benefit from the change.

Three highly placed officials connected with the Woolwich Arsenal have been committed for trial on a charge of stealing Government stores.

Day and Martin's blacking manufactory, High Holborn, has been destroyed by fire.

A great demonstration was to be held on the 20th instant at Charing Cross, with a view to induce the Government to release the political prisoners. Twelve English cricketers sail for Australia on the 20th inst.

A company has been formed in London to make a railway from Dunedin to Port Chalmers and Deborah Bay.

Three telegraphic companies have been formed to connect Australia with the Indo-European system.

### LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, September 23.

The American minister has withdrawn from Cuba.

The Common Council of the city of London proposes to vote 300 guineas in aid of the British and Colonial Emigration Fund.

The wool sales continue firm, and prices 1d to 1½d better than the June rates. 80,000 bales were taken for contingent demands.

The Viceroy of Egypt has raised difficulties regarding the acceptance of the conditions imposed by the Grand Visier, preventing him raising loans without the leave of the Sultan.

The Czar of Russia has been seriously ill. It is now officially reported that his health is completely restored.

Lady Palmerston and the Bishop of Exeter are dead.

Eleven horses ran for the St. Leger. Pero Gomez was the winner, Martyrdom second, and General Osbaldiston third.

The Spanish Government are sending 24,000 troops to Cuba.

GALLE, Oct. 5.

The Peninsula and Oriental steamer Carnatic, from Suez to Bombay, was totally wrecked on the 13th of September off the island of Shadwan in the Red Sea. The ship lay thirty-six hours on the reef, then broke up and went down into deep water, carrying with her the whole cargo, with specie and mails; nothing was saved. Five passengers, the ship's surgeon (Dr Ransford), the purser (Mr Gardner), the purser's clerk, chief engineer and another engineer, three stewards, and fifteen natives perished. The remainder of the passengers are in the Sumatra.

It is stated at Bombay that trustworthy information has been received of Dr Livingstone having reached Ugiji on Lake Tanganyika last May. He would leave for the coast of Zanzibar. Supplies were sent to Ugiji three years ago.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Yokohama on the 29th August, and held a levee. The Duke was well received by the Mikado, and afterwards proceeded to Yeddo.

Prince Arthur has arrived at Halifax where he had a public reception.

An accident occurred at the coal mine, Plymouth, Pennsylvania. The timbers caught fire, and 200 men and boys were suffocated.

A heavy gale at Boston destroyed property of the value of a million dollars.

From New York, latest cable news reports gold 135½. General Rawlings, the Secretary of War, is dead. General Sherman has been appointed temporary successor. The Conservative Republican Convention has confirmed the nomination of Lewis Bart as Governor.

OBITUARY.—Charles Moore, M.P., Tipperary County; Captain Samuel T. Dickens, Commander Thomas Podskin, Sir Roger Palmer, General J. S. Fraser, P.M., and Rev. E. Pellew, E. C. Egerton, P.M., Sir Chas. George Young, Garter King of Arms; Admiral R. I. Bayles, K.C.B.; John B. Payne, Colonel Terry; E. Barrow, Morning Herald staff; W. M. Stevenson, Great Western Railway; Dr Spiers; Behan, editor of the London Gazette; General Perrenet; Thompson, Baron Leys (Belgium painter).

Clement Hartwood, son of a partner in the firm of Allen, Knight, and Co., has been committed for stealing bills amounting to £15,000. He was captured in America, and brought back.

Lord Clarendon is visiting Belgium. It is believed that the object of his visit is to encourage Belgium to maintain a firm front against foreign dictation. He was very enthusiastically received by the Belgians.

Lord Palmerston's private diary, edited by Sir Henry Bulwer, will be published shortly by Bentley.

The Irish land question is the only subject of political discussion at present. Great excitement prevails in Ireland on the question. The Times sent a commissioner to Ireland, who has contributed a series of valuable letters to that journal.

Mrs Beecher Stowe, in Macmillan, purports to give a true story of Lady Byron's life. Mrs Stowe was instigated to write it by the recent publication of the Countess Guiccioli's book. Mrs Stowe states on the authority of Lady Byron that the real cause of their separation was the discovery that Byron was living in incestuous intercourse with his half-sister Augusta. Dr Lushington is referred to as a depository of the secret. The solicitors of Lady Byron's family protest against the publication of the statement, but without denying its truth. A strong feeling prevails that Mrs Stowe was wrong in publishing this ghastly story. The papers are full of correspondence relating to the subject. Dr Lushington gives no sign.

Mr Hepworth Dixon is making a Russian tour. Sir Charles Dilke is roaming in Northern regions.

### SHIPPING.

DEPARTURES.—For Otago: Philip Nelson, August 21; May Queen, August 18; Chile, August 24; Queen Bee, September 9; Julia, from New York, August 17; Albatross, August 20.

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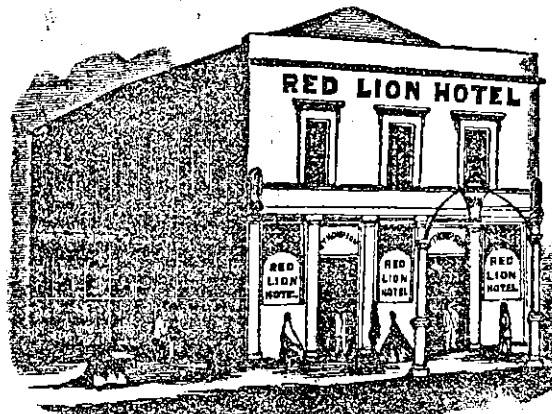
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